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## Assessment & Accountability Announcements - Week of January 20, 2014

There are **4 IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENTS** below regarding: **1)** Spring 2014 Interim Assessment Pilot – Registration Ending Soon; **2)** Spring 2014 MI-Access Grade 11 Webcast Scheduled for January 30th; **3)** WIDA ACCESS for ELLs - Material Update; and **4)** MI-Access FI Social Studies Pilot – Registration Still Open.

### 1) Spring 2014 Interim Assessment Pilot – Registration Ending Soon

Schools are invited to register to participate in the Spring 2014 Interim Assessment Pilot. Districts may have several schools participate but each school must register with a separate application. Interim assessments will be piloted in the content areas of English language Arts (ELA) and mathematics for grades K, 1, and 2; and science and social studies for grades 3 through high school.

The ELA and mathematics interim assessments for grades K, 1, and 2 are aligned to the Common Core State Standards. The science and social studies interim assessments are aligned to Michigan's current Grade Level Content Expectations (GLCEs) and High School Content Expectations (HSCEs).

*Participation in this State of Michigan authorized pilot test opportunity counts toward satisfying district participation requirement #4 of the 22i Technology Readiness Infrastructure Grant (TRIG).*

To participate in the Spring 2014 Interim Assessment Pilot, please complete the registration survey at <http://tinyurl.com/s14-ia-pilot>.

Additional important information:

- The registration deadline is Friday, January 31, 2014.
- The test window is March 24, 2014 through May 23, 2014. Schools may administer the pilot assessments any time within this nine-week test window.
- As with all assessment pilots, test results will not be provided.

More information about the Michigan Interim Assessments may be found at <http://www.michigan.gov/interimassessments>.

### 2) Spring 2014 MI-Access Grade 11 Webcast

Please join us **Thursday, January 30, 2014 at 1:00 – 2:30 p.m.** for the Spring 2014 MI-Access Grade 11 Webcast. This event will provide District and School MI-Access Coordinators with the information needed to ensure a successful administration of the Spring 2014 MI-Access assessments. Please be sure to put this important event on your calendar.

The webcast will be available through [www.mistreamnet.org](http://www.mistreamnet.org) and will air from 1:00 p.m. - 2:30 p.m. EST. The webcast flyer, which includes information on how to view the webcast, has been posted to the MI-Access webpage and can be accessed by clicking: [Spring 2014 MI-Access Grade 11 Webcast Information](#).

If you have not accessed a webcast through [www.mistreamnet.org](http://www.mistreamnet.org) in the past, please visit the site prior to Thursday, January 30th, to make sure your computer has the required connection and software to view the webcast.

### **3) WIDA ACCESS for ELLs Material Update**

#### **Initial Materials**

Initial materials for the Spring 2014 WIDA ACCESS for ELLs will arrive in districts the week of February 3<sup>rd</sup>. Materials will be coming directly from MetriTech (WIDA materials and scoring contractor). These materials were automatically ordered for districts based on Pre-ID information. Districts will receive a 10% overage of materials to accommodate any students who were added after the January 14<sup>th</sup> Pre-ID deadline.

#### **Additional Materials**

After taking inventory of initial materials during the week of February 3<sup>rd</sup>, districts may still need additional materials during the testing window. Additional materials may be ordered directly from MetriTech via fax, phone, or email. Instructions on how to order additional materials will be included in the initial material shipment. Additional order materials **MUST** only be used to order materials for any students who enrolled in the district after January 14<sup>th</sup>, 2014.

#### **Barcode Labels**

All students pre-identified to take the Spring 2014 WIDA ACCESS for ELLs by January 14<sup>th</sup> will receive barcode labels with the initial materials. Students identified after January 14<sup>th</sup> will not receive barcode labels. For students that do not receive barcode labels, demographic information **MUST** be hand-bubbled on the student test booklets. Instructions on how to hand-bubble demographic information on the student test booklets will be included in the initial material shipment.

#### **Testing Window**

The Spring 2014 WIDA ACCESS and Alternate ACCESS for ELLs testing window is **February 10th to March 28th**.

#### **Training/Professional Development**

We have confirmed a date with WIDA to host the Michigan Department of Education sponsored WIDA Alternate ACCESS for ELLs training. This rescheduled event will be held on **Friday, January 31<sup>st</sup>, 2014 from 8:30 - 3:00** at the Michigan Department of Education, Hannah Building, in downtown Lansing. Interested participants should contact Cristina Rodriguez at [rodriguezc@michigan.gov](mailto:rodriguezc@michigan.gov).

Open Q/A sessions with OSA staff are available throughout the remainder of January and February. Please check the Professional Development Plan and Calendar on the [www.michigan.gov/wida](http://www.michigan.gov/wida) website for more information.

#### **WIDA Targeted Communications**

Beginning this month, more specific information regarding WIDA will be emailed to individuals who have subscribed to the EL Assessment listserv, or are listed in the Education Entity Master (EEM) as

ELPA Coordinators or District Assessment Coordinators. Follow this link to subscribe to the listserv: <https://public.govdelivery.com/accounts/MIMDE/subscriber/new>. Please contact your district's EEM specialist to add/update contact information in EEM if necessary.

#### **Contact Information**

Please call 1-877-560-8378, Option 4 or e-mail [baa@michigan.gov](mailto:baa@michigan.gov) with any questions.

#### **4) MI-Access FI Social Studies Pilot – Registration Still Open!**

The registration for the Spring 2014 MI-Access Functional Independence Social Studies Pilot Test is currently open. This pilot is open to any student who is assessed using MI-Access Functional Independence in any subject area in grades 5, 8 and 11. *LEAs that are participating in the 22i Technology Readiness Infrastructure Grant (TRIG), may also use this testing event toward the participation requirements for that program.*

The pilot test is based on the EGCLEs/EHSCEs released last year in Social Studies, and found on the MI-Access web site. Your participation is encouraged, as we are looking to collect information and feedback from staff and students in order to move forward with a quality assessment for Social Studies in the Spring of 2015. To register, please complete a quick survey asking for your district information and numbers of students at: [https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/MI-Access\\_FI\\_SS\\_District\\_Registration](https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/MI-Access_FI_SS_District_Registration).

#### **Have Other Questions?**

For assessment questions, please email [BAA@michigan.gov](mailto:BAA@michigan.gov).

For accountability questions, please email [MDE-Accountability@michigan.gov](mailto:MDE-Accountability@michigan.gov).

For phone assistance with assessment or accountability issues, call 877-560-8378 and select the appropriate menu option.